

CREDIT TEACHERS WITH LOCAL STUDY

Richmond College Special Course of Great Benefit to Richmond Instructors.

GOOD OUTLOOK FOR HIGHWAY

Much Interest in Bristol-Washington Road—Time Expires for Filing Statements.

Establishment of special courses in the science and practice of teaching by Richmond College seems designed to give the teachers of this city a tremendous advantage not only over their former opportunities, but over all others of their profession in the State. The interest aroused in the matter has been entirely unexpected, because of developments which show the importance of the move.

The college announces that on Saturdays it will give special courses designed for teachers. These include the history and government of Virginia, English literature and classes in education. Lasting from 9:30 to 1:10, each class will have its own period of time, and each teacher who desires may take all the studies offered on a day when school duties do not interfere.

Immediately following this announcement, the teachers began to inquire as to the practical result on their standing in their profession. They have besieged State School Superintendent J. D. Eggleston, Jr., for information on this point, and the college people have been making similar inquiries.

Superintendent Eggleston yesterday authorized the statement that while he will not speak definitely for the State Board of Education, he has no doubt whatever that the board and Richmond College will be able to get together on the proposition so as to give the teachers credit on professional certificates—that consummation so devoutly wished by every teacher in Virginia.

It is the plan of the college, at the end of the term, to have an examination on the subjects given. Those who pass a satisfactory test will be given corresponding certificates. It is probable that the Department of Public Instruction will examine the course offered, and also the examination papers before they are used, and, if approved, the successful teachers will be given credit to the extent of the studies pursued. The course offered this year at Richmond College embraces perhaps one-third of all the studies required leading up to a professional certificate. The remaining studies could be taken, if offered by the college, during the next two sessions. Or the teacher may take the rest of them at some normal or summer school with less expense than the whole course.

Teacher Is Carried.

The department takes it for granted that if a teacher takes part of the professional course, she intends to get the rest as soon as possible, and a provisional certificate is issued, good for one year.

The value of a professional certificate may be realized when it is known that it is good for seven years, without further study or attendance at normal, and that it is renewable indefinitely (practically for life) unless revoked for cause. Its value is further indicated by the fact that heretofore it has been procurable only by attendance at the Farmville and Harrisonburg Normal Schools, or at the summer school at the University of Virginia.

TIME LIMIT REACHED

Thirty days have now elapsed since the primary election, and candidates who had not filed their expense accounts up to yesterday are liable to a fine. But nobody has any idea that it will be enforced. However, those who win in the coming general election will have to come across, or their certificates of election will be withheld by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Statements filed yesterday were as follows: John A. Lesner, for the Senate from Norfolk city, nominated, \$752.21 (the largest amount given in by any candidate for the General Assembly); Eugene Ould, for the Senate from Lynchburg and Campbell, defeated, \$90.45; J. Edward Cole, for Senate from Accomac district, defeated, \$225.52; F. S. Tavenner, for Senate from Shenandoah and Frederick, nominated without opposition, \$35; John M. Hart, for Senate from Roanoke district, nominated, \$601.

STATE-WIDE HIGHWAY

Outlook Good for Road Between Bristol and Washington.

Considerably encouraged over the outlook for highway improvement over the route between Bristol and Washington, State Highway Commissioner, P. St. Julien Wilson is back at his office. He accompanied the pathfind-

ers from Bristol to Natural Bridge. Meetings were held in each county, and a good deal of local interest in the proposition was shown at each place visited.

It is the somewhat ambitious project of those having the matter in charge to have a stretch of modern road from the Tennessee line into the capital city of the nation. In Bristol it would connect with the highway now projected across Tennessee to Memphis, on the Mississippi. The plan is, of course, to connect the separate road building forces of the different counties so as to secure a continuous road.

Much of the way is already finished, including the Valley Turnpike. A good deal of the old turnpike built prior to the War Between the States is still in a good state of preservation between Salem and Seven-Mile Ford, and in the past year or two a large part of it has been resurfaced, this being especially true in Wythe county. Altogether, Mr. Wilson believes the outlook for the success of the project is good.

Mr. Stearnes at Wytheville.

Secretary R. C. Stearnes, of the State Board of Education, attended a meeting of teachers at Wytheville yesterday.

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